

REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

STATE NUMBER:

041-1790B

Prior Application:

Art Unit:

2713

Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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This is a Request for filing a application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/940,941, filed on

9/30/97, entitled METHOD OF PROTECTION OF DATE REPRODUCTION, AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

PROVIDING PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION, by the following named: Takayuki SUGAWARA [X] I hereby state that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application.

Oath or Declaration

Newly executed (original or copy)

[X] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

Deletion of inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

[X] Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

- 5. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
- 6. [X] Cancel claims Cancel claims 2-17.

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE .					
	5	MINUS 20	0	x \$18 =	\$ 0.00					
Total Claims		MINUS 3	2	x \$78 =	\$ 156.00					
Independent Claims	Basic Application Fee									
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00 Total Application Fee Subtract 1/2 if small entity TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-133										
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ſ] Enclose	l is a Verified Statemer	it to establish small entity st	ratus under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

- A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 08/940,941 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>.
- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

 AThis application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/940,941 filed 9/30/97.--
- [X] Priority of Application Serial No. 6-47762 filed on February 22, 1994 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. 08/940,941 on March 28, 1995.
- 11. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to VICTOR COMPANY OF JAPAN, LTD.
- 12. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Israel Gopstein, Registration No. 27,333 formerly of the former firm of LOWE PRICE LEBLANC & BECKER
- 13. [X] Also enclosed:

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16 pages of drawings.

14. [] A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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Respectfully submitted,

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